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committee a report in December of each year while the work is in progress and a final report when the work is accomplished. Each report should be accompanied by a financial statement of expenditures, with vouchers for the larger items when these can be supplied without difficulty.

9. The purposes for which grants are made and the grounds for making them will be published.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of Richard C. MacLaurin, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, previously professor of mathematics in the University of New Zealand and of mathematical physics in Columbia University, and of George Macloskie, professor emeritus of biology in Princeton University.

OFFICIAL notice has been issued by the French Academy of Sciences of the award of the Bordin prize in mathematics to Dr. S. Lefschetz, assistant professor of mathematics in the University of Kansas, and of the Lalande prize in astronomy to Dr. V. M. Slipher, director of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff.—Dr. Jacques Loeb, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, of the University of Chicago, Dr. Arthur Gordon Webster, of Clark University, and Dr. W. W. Campbell, of Lick Observatory, have been elected honorary members of the Royal Institution of Great Britain and Ireland.

AT the dinner of the alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, held in Cambridge on January 10, it was announced that the endowment fund of four million dollars had been obtained by the alumni, thus securing the gift of an equal sum from the hitherto anonymous "Mr. Smith." It was revealed that "Mr. Smith," who has now given eleven million dollars to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is Mr. George Eastman, president of the Eastman Kodak Company.